IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Mamoru Nakasuji, et al.

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MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING THE

APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 29, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.